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### Search suspended for missing California man

‘ANINI – The search for 56-year-old Prakash Shroff of California was suspended Wednesday afternoon following a four-day, multiagency search effort.

Shroff is being reported as Kaua’i’s 12 drowning in 2022.

“Our hearts go out to Prakash’s family and friends during this difficult time,” said KPD’s Investigative Services Bureau Capt. Paul Applegate. “We appreciate all agencies and everyone involved in our attempt to locate Prakash. We also thank the Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas for allowing our rescuers access to their property during the search.”

According to a preliminary report, Shroff was reportedly swimming with two family members shortly after 1 p.m. on Dec. 25 when they became distressed. Two individuals made it safely back to shore with the assistance of bystanders, but Shroff could not be located.

Shroff could not be located despite a four-day air, land, and sea-based search with a team of rescuers including Kaua’i firefighters, Ocean Safety Bureau officers, Kaua’i police, DLNR-DOCARE officers, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Volunteers with the Visitor Aloha Society of Kaua’i (VASK), a nonprofit providing emergency needs for visitors, and Life’s Bridges, a grief counseling service, assisted Shroff’s family throughout the four-day search. Additionally, American Medical Response responded to the incident on Dec. 25

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